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SUBJ: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AT
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1. AS A RESULT OF RECENT TERRORIST ACTS IN TEHRAN RESULTING
IN THE DEATH OF TWO AMERICAN MILITARY OFFICERS AND AN EMBASSY
FSLE, A NUMBER OF CHANGES WERE INSTITUTED AT POST, INCLUDING:

A. USE OF ARMED IRANIAN NATIONAL POLICE (INP) GUARDS IN ALL
OFFICIAL VEHICLES.

B. VARIATION OF TIMES AND ROUTES OF ALL TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES, ESPECIALLY SHUTTLES.

C. REPAINTING VEHICLES IN VARIOUS COLORS TO BLEND IN WITH
LOCAL COLOR COMBINATIONS.

D. ADDING TO POST INVENTORY OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
EQUIPMENT.

E. PROVIDE CIVILIAN LICENSE PLATES FOR PERSONNEL DESIRING
SAME.

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F. INSTITUTED POLICIES OF 1) HAND GUN TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL
AND 2) SELECTIVE ARMING OF PERSONNEL ON AN "AS-NEEDED" BASIS.

G. STRICTLY ENFORCED CONTROL OF PACKAGE AND LADIES' PURSES.

H. ESTABLISHED PERMANENT COMMITTEES ON COUNTER TERRORISM.

I. EXPANSION OF GUARD FACILITIES ON COMPOUND DUE TO INCREASED GUARD FORCE.

J. ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES FOR THREAT AND SURVEILLANCE REPORTS FROM LOCAL AMERICAN POPULATION TO GOI LAW ENFORCEMENT ELEMENTS.

K. OFFICIAL VEHICLES WITH AIR CONDITIONING HAVE BEEN ARMORED, INCLUDING LEXAN GLASS FOR ALL WINDOWS, EXCEPT WINDSHIELD.

L. EXTENSIVE BRIEFINGS GIVEN ALL SEGMENTS OF MISSION.

M. THE SY MOBILE TRAINING TEAM (MTT) CONDUCTED THE WEAPONS TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE EMBASSY (75 PERSONS) AND QUALIFIED ALL PERSONNEL.

N. REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS HELD WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

O. TEHRAN AMERICAN SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF BRIEFED DURING AUGUST PRIOR TO OPENING OF SCHOOL YEAR.

P. SECURITY SURVEYS CONDUCTED AT U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN TEHRAN, INCLUDING TRADE CENTER, AND IN ISFAHAN AND SHIRAZ FOR NEW CONSULATES. FOLLOW-UP SURVEYS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

Q. NEW MSG POST ADDED AT CARAVANSARAI RESTAURANT/COMMISSARY-CO-OP ENTRANCE. PARKING AREA CLOSED.

R. AN ALARM SYSTEM FROM THE CONSULAR BUILDING TO CHANCERY HAS BEEN INSTALLED.

S. TABRIZ AND SHIRAZ CONSULATE VEHICLES HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY ARMORED.

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2. AT THIS TIME, THERE ARE SEVERAL PROJECTS WHICH ARE EITHER IN PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OR WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WHEN THE REQUISITE TECHNICAL PERSONNEL ARE AVAILABLE.

A. INSTALLATION OF A WALK-THROUGH METAL DETECTOR SIMILAR TO THE ONE USED AT AIRPORTS.

B. CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SECURE BARRIER ON THE SECOND FLOOR CHANCERY ENTRANCE TO THE AMBASSADOR'S AREA.

C. INSTALLATION OF AN ALARM SYSTEM ON THE WALL OF THE TENNIS COURTS ADJACENT TO BIJAN ALLEY.

D. AS NEW VEHICLES ARRIVE, THEY WILL NEED ARMORING.

E. ADDITIONAL PERIMETER LIGHTING IS NEEDED ON THE ROOSEVELT AVENUE SIDE OF THE COMPOUND (OUTSIDE). MOFA HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING THE NECESSARY ADDITIONAL LIGHTING.

F. THE STAFF APARTMENTS NEED IMPROVED LOCKING DEVICES AND THE LOCKS WILL BE OBTAINED AND PROVIDED AT AN EARLY DATE. IN ADDITION, PEEP HOLES WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE FRONT DOORS OF ALL RESIDENCES OCCUPIED BY STATE AND USIS PERSONNEL.

G. CONTINUING SURVEYS WILL BE MADE OF ALL PUBLIC SERVICE AREAS IN THE MISSION, EXCEPT FOR THE MILITARY COMPONENTS. THEY WILL BE SERVICED BY AFOSI/I.

H. A NEW I.D. SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED AND IMPLEMENTATION IS EXPECTED IN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS.

I. REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR INP GUARDS AT THE EMBASSY APARTMENTS

AND ALL EMBASSY COUNSELORS.

3. THE POST DOES HAVE PROBLEMS IN PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED. THE NATURE AND CONTENT

OF THESE PROBLEMS WILL BE PRESENTED IN A SECOND RESPONSE TO DEPTTEL WHICH SHOULD BE IN APPROXIMATELY SIX WORK DAYS, AFTER A SURVEY OF THE CONSULAR BUILDING, USIS AND THE TRADE CENTER.

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AT THAT TIME, THE POST WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S KIND OFFER OF ASSISTANCE AS SPECIFIED IN PARA 4 OF CITED DEPTTEL.

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